

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) Protective rain leggings comprising:

a waterproof leg encircling portion with an inner side, an outer side, a top opening and a bottom opening, wherein said waterproof leg encircling portion is uniform width from said top opening to the knee and gradually increases from said knee to said bottom opening;

said top opening being higher on the outer side of said leg encircling portion, and sloping downward towards said lower inner side ~~at an angle between 30 and 90 degrees to provide water proof protection on the outside of the wearers leg;~~ and

an attachment means fixedly attached to said outer side of said top opening, for attaching said leg encircling portion to the waist portion of a garment worn by the wearer.

13. (currently amended) Protective rain leggings comprising:

a waterproof leg encircling portion with an inner side, an outer side, a top opening and a bottom opening, an attachment means, and an insulating layer, wherein said waterproof leg encircling portion is uniform width from said top opening to the knee and gradually increases from said knee to said bottom opening;

said top opening being higher on the outer side of said leg encircling portion, and sloping downward towards said lower inner side ~~at an angle between 30 and 90 degrees;~~

said attachment means is comprised of a first piece of fabric fixedly attached to said outer portion of said top opening of said leg encircling portion, said first piece of fabric being long enough to allow said second end of said first piece of fabric to be attached to the garment around the waist of said wearer using a hook and loop fasteners strip as a securing means; and

said insulating layer being fixed into the inside of the leg encircling portion.

### **REMARKS**

#### **IDS**

The IDS references GB 2328496 and DE 19713594 are not related to the present invention and were inadvertently submitted in an IDS, a review of those references clearly shows they are unrelated to the present invention.

#### **112 Rejections**

The claims have been amended to withdrawn the amended language "at an angle between 30 and 90 degrees to provide waterproof protection on the outside of the wearers leg".

It is respectfully submitted, though, that support is found for the amended language "wherein said waterproof leg encircling portion is uniform width from said top opening to the knee and gradually increases from said knee to said bottom opening" as depicted in Figure 1D and described in paragraph [034].